

Opportunity – Verakin High School of Chongqing (VHSC) calls for UK partners for a joint pre-university programme in Southwest China

Project Introduction

- Level of joint programme: pre-university level
- Cooperation method:
 - Recognition of pre-university courses in Chongqing
 - Student admission preference

Brief introduction of VHSC

- Located in Nan shan mountain, VHSC is a key high school in Chongqing. There are approximately 3,600 students from six different countries studying at the school. The International Department of VHSC is responsible for international education and international communication, operating for over 10 years. It offers educational programmes including training courses in Chinese to foreign students, winter/ summer camps for both Chinese and foreign students, high school diploma programmes for international students and courses leading to enrolment at universities in both China and overseas.

Requirement of UK institution partners

- UK institutions with good reputation either in overall profile or in certain subject areas
- Offering special subjects, such as subjects in creative industry

Reference

- [Chongqing](#)

The Chongqing municipality covers an area of 83,000 square kilometres with a population of about 32 million. The urban residents account for over half of the total population. The city lies in the upper reaches of the Yangtze River, about 1,500km from Shanghai, at the start of the Three Gorges cruise. Chongqing is the main industrial city of Southwest China. Formerly the second city in Sichuan province, in 1997 Chongqing was made a provincial level municipality reporting directly to the central government (one of four in China, and the only one in Western China). This political “promotion” brings with it significant advantages within the political hierarchy. On June 18, 2007, the central government announced that Chongqing and Chengdu would become a new Economic Zone, portending that Chongqing would attract more investment. In 2010 the central government gave the Liangjiang New Area in Chongqing the same status as Tianjin’s Binhai and Shanghai’s Pudong. China initiated a new round of western

development strategy in 2011 to boost its less-developed regions, in which Chongqing is included. The central government prioritized the new round of its "Go West" strategy in the country's new five-year plan, offering preferential policies supporting continuous development in the western regions.

In 2012, Chongqing reported strong economic growth. Its GDP was 1,145.900 billion RMB with a year-on-year increase rate of 13.6% from 2011, the 2nd highest growth rate in China. and the disposable income urban per capita was RMB 22,968 Yuan (13.4% ↑). In 2012, the government's spending in education reached 50 billion RMB, accounting for 4% of overall GDP.

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